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## International migration and development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo,[1] in particular chapter X on international migration, and the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, set out in the annex to General Assembly resolution S-21/2 of 2 July 1999, in particular section II.C on international migration, as well as the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development,[2] the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,[3] the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women[4] and the outcome documents of the twenty-fourth[5] and twenty-fifth[6] special sessions of the General Assembly,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 49/127 of 19 December 1994, 50/123 of 20 December 1995, 52/189 of 18 December 1997, 54/212 of 22 December 1999 and 56/203 of 21 February 2001 on international migration and development, as well as Economic and Social Council decision 1995/313 of 27 July 1995,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. 1, resolution 1, annex.

[2] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[3] Ibid., annex II.

[4] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. 1, resolution 1, annex II.

[5] Resolution S-24/2, annex.

[6] Resolution S-25/2, annex.

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*Reaffirming* the continuing validity of the principles set forth in the international instruments regarding the protection of human rights, in particular the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[7] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[8] the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[9] the Convention on the Rights of the Child[10] and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, which entered into force in July 2003,[11]

*Recalling* that heads of State and Government at the United Nations Millennium Summit resolved to take measures, inter alia, to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and their families, to eliminate the increasing acts of racism and xenophobia in many societies and to promote greater harmony and tolerance in all societies,

*Reaffirming* that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should carry out their respective responsibilities as entrusted to them in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as by the relevant United Nations conferences of the 1990s, in the formulation of policies and the provision of guidance to and coordination of United Nations activities in the field of population and development, including activities on international migration,

*Noting* the need for the relevant United Nations organizations and other international organizations to enhance their financial and technical support to developing countries to ensure that migration contributes to development,

*Taking note* of the views of Member States on the question of convening a United Nations conference on international migration, its scope, form and agenda, and noting that despite the low number of respondents to the survey of the Secretariat, the majority of respondents are in favour of the holding of the conference,

*Aware* that, among other important factors, both domestic and international, the widening economic and social gap between and among many countries and the marginalization of some countries in the global economy, due in part to the uneven impact of the benefits of globalization and liberalization, have contributed to large flows of people between and among countries, often imposing an additional burden on developing countries, and to the intensification of the complex phenomenon of international migration,

*Aware also* that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles, there is a need to enhance international cooperation on migration issues and make further efforts to ensure that the human rights and dignity of all migrants and their families, in particular of female workers, are respected and protected,

*Noting* that an overall commitment to multiculturalism provides a context for effective integration of migrants, prevents discrimination and promotes solidarity and tolerance in the receiving societies,

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[7] Resolution 217 A (III).
[8] Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.
[9] Resolution 34/180, annex.
[10] Resolution 44/25, annex.
[11] Resolution 45/158, annex.

*Recognizing* the impact of brain drain on economic and social development in developing countries and emphasizing the need for further studies and analysis of its effects on development in the context of globalization,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[12]

2. *Urges* Member States and the United Nations system to continue strengthening international cooperation and arrangements at all levels in the area of international migration and development in order to address all aspects of migration and to maximize the benefits of international migration to migrants;

3. *Calls upon* all relevant bodies, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, within their continuing mandated activities, to continue to address the issue of international migration and development, with a view to integrating migration issues, including gender perspective, in a more coherent way within the broader context of the implementation of agreed economic and social development goals;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with relevant bodies, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, to continue convening regular meetings in order to coordinate activities regarding international migration, identify critical issues and discuss future steps;

5. *Takes note* of the initiatives undertaken by Member States to continue to identify the many dimensions of international migration and development in order to better understand international migration processes and their linkages with globalization and development, address the root causes of international migration, analyse the gaps and shortcomings in the current approaches, maximize the benefits of international migration and strengthen international, regional and subregional cooperation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue exploring possibilities for the holding of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

7. *Decides* to hold in 2004 a high-level dialogue, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, on international migration and development, to address the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development and to identify appropriate ways and means to maximize its developmental benefits and minimize its negative impacts, and requests the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States on the organizational aspects and other details of the high-level dialogue;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution that will, inter alia, provide an update on relevant activities within the United Nations system concerning international migration and development, report on progress in coordinating such activities through regular coordination meetings and other processes, review major initiatives of Member States to increase understanding and strengthen cooperation in the area of international migration and development and suggest action-oriented options for the consideration of the Assembly;

[12] A/58/98.

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the sub-item entitled "International migration and development".